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# PRESIDENT DEFIES CONGRESS; "STANDS PAT" ON REFUSAL TO WARN CITIZENS FROM LINERS

Congress Leaders Told That U. S. Will Not Recognize Germany's U-Boat Edict With Reference to Armed Merchant Ships

Danger of Break With Berlin Grows Stronger-Democrats to Urge Peace at Any Price-Wilson to Prevent Passage of Resolutions by Committees

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- Strong intimations that Germany's latest plans for submarine operation will not be put into practice on March 1, as was planned, but instead will be delayed, were obtained in German diplomatic circles here this afternoon. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, refused either to deny or confirm the report.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Secretary of State Lansing has arranged a conference with President Wilson at the White House for late this afternoon.

It is understood that they will canvass anew the international situation.

Both the White House and the State Department refused to make any statement regarding the conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.

President Wilson today defied Congress to interfere in the international relations of the United States. He declined to receive Representative Flood, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who was commissioned by a number of his colleagues to tell the President that if he persisted in his demands that Germany refrain from attacking armed merchant vessels without warning, Congress would pass a resolution demanding that passports be refused Americans who would not agree to remain off such vessels.

He told Representative Flood over the telephone that he intended "standing pat" on his original demand to Germany that it agree scrupulously to observe international law in any new submarine campaign that may be undertaken and that he would not consider any legislation designed to "keep Americans off armed belligerent vessels."

Simultaneously with this announcement, Secretary to the President Tumulty, canceled all of the President's engagements for today and tomorrow with the exception of tomorrow's Cabinet meeting.

Soon after the Senate met today, Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, sought to introduce resolutions warning Americans to keep off beiligerent ships. Senator Brandegee (Republican), of Connecticut, objected to the resolution nd under the rules of the Senate, Senator Gore was unable to lay the matter before that body. He said he would make another attempt to press the resolution later.

"The ship of state is driving headlong upon the breakers," declared Senator Gore, in a public statement accompanying his resolution. He asserted that to fail to prevent this nation "to drive headlong into the bloody

whirpool of war" would be a "crime against civilization." Senator Gore's resolution was in a new form. It was a concurrent resolution, which called simply for action by the House and Senate. It would not need the approval of the President. It declared the "sense of Congress" to be that the Americans in behalf of their own safety and the vital interests of the country should forbear to travel on belligerent ships. The resolution took a fling at the President by asserting that "Congress is vested with

the sole right to declare war." The President has taken personal charge of the negotiations with Germany. Until a definite settlement is reached, or a break comes, officials said, he will remain in closest touch with Secretary of State Lansing. It is understood to be the intention of the President to bring the negotiations to a head without any unnecessary delay.

The German reply to Secretary Lar sing's informal communication of a week ago, in which Germany was asked whether the new declaration that commencing March 1 all armed merchantmen will be March 1 all armed merchantmen will be sunk without warning does not abridge the promise previously made by Germany to this Government, will be communicated to Secretary Lansing late today or tomorrow. It may be the medium of the President demanding a speedy reply to the main points at issue, inasmuch as it is stated to be a question in turn as to just what this Government considers defensive armament for merchant craft.

In reply to this query, the President

easily could be done, as the Administra-tion has refused to accept the promises made in the Lusitania case which were expected to entirely dispose of the sub-

Congress should not take any action "Congress should not take any action that would embarrass the President and the State Department while diplomatic begolations are in progress," declared Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Poreign Relations Committee, after numerous conferences with Senators and Representatives today, "If Congress is to take any action, it should be delayed until all diplomatic efforts have been expansion."

Senator Stone said he believed no action

would be taken in either branch of Con-fress at this time. Representative Shackleford also arranged a conference with Senator Stone. It was understood at the capital that the President took the position that the ex-cutive branch of the Government is re-Bootsible for the conduct of the mation's foreign relations and that he proposed to me any heed to what Congress might do The seeming hysteria which selsed the House yesterday continued in a lesser de-Bres today with excited conferences in Forcess all over the Capitol. Administrasupporters, and even some of the ses of the movement against the ident, did their best to alias the fever

The situation in the Senate became

#### THE WEATHER

FORECAST

Philadelphia and tain or sleet tonight followed by electing Friday; not much change in imperature; strong casterly winds, For details see page 13.

LOST AND FOUND

BURNHALL POPLAR LETT

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# **BREWERS' PROBE** MAY BE BLOCKED

WRIT FOR PHILADELPHIA

Two Wealthy Brewers Here Face Position Similar to

PITSBURGH, Feb. 24.—Hugh F, Fox. of New York, secretary of the United States Brewing Company, was released from jall today on \$1000 bond, following

Court, after habeas corpus proceedings were instituted this morning by Attorneys David A. Reed, of this city, and S. P. Tull, of Philadelphia. The writ was granted pending argument of the habeas corpus proceedings, which has been set for next Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

The brewers' attorneys, it is said, en pect appeals on the Fox case to reach the United States Supreme Court and to delay the Government probe for at least six

produce books, and he cannot be freed un-til he clears himself of the contempt charge by producing the books, and should he free himself by producing the books and records the Government will probably proceed against him for per-jury, he having testified that the books and records were destroyed.

of Philadelphia, secretary of the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, who was subpoenaed to appear here today, but instead sent word to the Government prosecutor that he was ill and could not

District Attorney E. Lowry Humes, in he had good reasons to believe that Ettla was only feigning illuses and that his failure to appear here today was a plan circumvent the Government officials.

Action similar to the proceedings against Fox were expected in the case of two wealthy brewers of Philadelphia, who also refused to testify before the

PHILADELPHIAN'S INVOLVED.

with a jail term in connection with the national "slush fund" probe is Gustav W. Lembeck, of Jersey City, treasurer of the United States Brewers' Association and president of the Lembeck Brewing Com-

Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, failed to produce books, correspondence, records and other data set forth in the Pennsylvania

passbooks and other records pertaining to the receipt and disbursement of

"That, questioned with reference to these moneys before the Grand Jury, he

Carpenter Hurt by Fire at Olney A carpenter who stumbled from the tem-porary floor planking on the second story of a building operation at 5th street and North Fairhill street.



E. YATES WEBB Representative from North Carolina, who is trying to force im-mediate action on the resolution warning Americans not to travel on armed belligerent ships.

### CRACKSMEN TAP SAFE IN CHURCH; **GET \$1500 BOOTY**

Golden Chalices and Jewelry Taken From Chapel of St. Patrick's

FINGER PRINTS A CLUE

Burglars blew open a vault in the basement of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 20th and Rittenhouse streets, early today and carried away chalices and jewelry said by the police to be worth \$1500. Disturbed in their work, they left behind clues which are expected to lead

behind clues which are expected to lead to their arrest.

This is the third attack by burglars upon a Catholic edifice within a week, the Cathedral and the Church of St. John the Baptist having been entered and robbed several days ago. Similarity in tools and methods in the three robberies cause the police to believe that the same band is responsible for all three "jobs."

Finger prints, an important clue, were left of a winday pane at St. Partick's and on 150 Peats, iron door of the vapid by the burglars.

They were so clear that a police bureau photographer was enabled to take a picture of them. As soon as the plates are developed the marks will be compared with those of all yeggmen on file in the rogues' gallery.

rogues' gallery.

How painstaking was the search for president of the Lembeck Brewing Company, of Jersey City.

The complaint against Schmidt, who is president of the Northwestern National Bank of Philadelphia, which the Governtor of the church, and the Rev. John P. Thompson, assistant rector. It contains gold objects and jewelry left by communicants to be molded into church ves-

\$2000 CROWN OVERLOOKED. In their haste the burglars overlooked a diamond-studded golden crown valued at \$2000 and two chalices worth \$600. They

chalices, valued at \$1300; a \$75 cerborium, two gold watches valued at \$50, and several rings and other trinkets, the last named the property of the sexton, John Leahy. Monsignor William Kieran, rec-tor of the church, placed a much lower estimate on the 'value of the stolen ar-

about 5 o'clock this morning. The safe had been drilled and blown open with nitroglycerin, evidently silenced with some new preparation, for no one heard the explosion. Mortar and other debris was scattered on the floor of the chamber,

# **CROWN PRINCE** SMASHES WAY; **NEARS VERDUN**

Germans Drive French From Towns Six Miles From Great Fortress

REGAIN HERBE FOREST

Capture Brabant, Beaumont, Haumont and Samogneux in Series of Terrific Attacks

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Under the eye of the Kaiser, the Crown Prince's army has amaded forward to a point six miles from the great fortress and city of Verion, in one of the greatest battles of the war.

The German Way 1999.

The German War Office this afternoon mounced the capture of the villages of Brabant-sur-Meuse, Haumont and the

Brabant-sur-Meuse, Haumont and the Herbe wood, within less than eight miles of Vardun, and also the capture of Samognacux, a bare six miles from Verdun's northern outskirts.

The Germans have also taken all the forest district to the northwest, north and northeast of this region.

By their advance the Germans have taken possession of Beaumont as well as Herbe Bois, the report adds.

The German War Office reported not only great gains against the French positions around Verdun, but the capture of a French advance post with a garrison of

French advance post with a garrison of 50, south of Metz. The text of the official report follows:

"Our success on the east bank of the Tour success on the east bank of the Meuse has been increased by further exploits. We have captured the villages of Brabant. Haumont, Samogneux. The entire wooded district to the northwest, north and northeast is in our passession, as well as Beaumont and Herbe Bols.
"South of Metz we surprised an advanced French post. The entire garrison of 50 was taken prisoner."

PARTS, Feb. 24, French troops have evacuated Brabant Sur Mease, north of Verdun, the French War Office announced today, The Germans also have succeeded in capturing most of the positions lost the French in Bols Des Caures, east

of Brabant Sur Meuse. Furious assaults are being upole by the Germans against the French positions near Haumont, but the War Office said that all have been repulsed up to date. At Samogeux, despite the launching of enormous numbers of men in masse for-mation attacks, the Germans were frus-

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#### MRS. THEO. JUSTICE, OF NOTED FAMILY, DEAD

Descendant of Mifflins, Wife of Park Commissioner, Pneumonia Victim

nd wife of Theodore Just the Park Commission, died today at the family residence, \$50 West Clapier street, Germantown. Death followed a short Illness, resulting from an attack of pneu-monia, Mrs. Justice was 74 years old. For many years Mrs. Justice had been

interested in charitable affairs, and, addition, was a member of the board of directors of the Directory for Nurses of the Philadelphia College of Physicians. She is survived by her husband and two children, Miss Hilda Justice and William Warner Justice. Mrs. Justice was born in this city in

1843, her parents being Daniel and Ce-cilia (Anderson) Neall. She was a direct descendant of the Mifflins, one of the first English families to settle in southeasters Pennsylvania. The family land was the grant of the Duke of York, he having deeded them a tract in 1680. Upon this land, occupying the major portion of Fair-mount Park, and on which were reared Mrs. Justice's forefathers, among them be-ing such historic figures as Major Gen-eral Thomas Mifflin, of Revolutions v war fame: Jonathan Mifflin, historian, who we the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Jus tice, and Governor Mifflin. Jonathan Mifffin achieved considerable recognition when, regarded as one of the leading Quakers of his time, he liberated his

Mrs. Justice was Miss Anna Neall. Fu-neral services will be held on Saturday afternoon at the family home.

#### STORM COMING TO TOWN

Headed This Way From the South, Attended by Zero Weather The calm before the storm broods over

the city today.

Storm warnings were flashed along the Storm warnings were flashed along the Atlantic coast this morning, in advance of the heavy gales that are expected to sweep up the littoral tonight. Until the storm arrives, with considerable wind in this city, the weather will remain unsettled and rain may fall at any moment. The storm will reach its greatest violence along the Jersey coast probably after midnight, the weather bureau predicted. The slow nouthward retreat of yesterday's storm area explains why the temperature in the vicinity of Philadelphia did not fall lower than 21 degrees, the minimum today.

### **EFFIMERO SUCCESSO** AUSTRIACO SUL MRZLI

Il Nemico E' Subito Ricacciato da Una Trincea Che Aveva Conquistato

Il generale Cadorna aununcia nel auo rapporto pubblicato teri sera dai Minis-tero della fluerra lialiano che gli aus-triaci in forze tentarono, dopo una vio-lenta preparazione di artigileria e lancio

### QUICK NEWS

#### U. S. REFUSES TO RULE AT ONCE ON APPAM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British Ambassader, tried unsuccessfully today to get this Government's status on the liner Appam. He was told that the United States has not de'nitely reached a decision on the vessel,

#### HOCKING CASE TO BE TRIED IN ENGLAND

HALAFA, N. S., Feb. 24.-Under a ruling handed down in the Admiralty court today, the case of the prize steamship Hocking is transferred to England for trial. The Hocking, a ship of United States registry, was seized with her cargo of coal between New York and South America.

#### AUTO HITS TRAIN; ONE KILLED, ONE INJURED

Thomas Wilson, proprietor of the Halfway House, Woodbury Heights, N. J., was killed and Walter Titus, a builder and friend of Wilson, was injured when Wilson's automobile, in which they were riding, crashed into an Atlantic City express train at Lawnside crossing, near Camden. Titus, who is in the Cooper Hospital, Camden, will recover. The water connection between the engine and the tender was broken and the machine was demolished by the collision, which

#### CITY TREASURY BALANCE NEARLY \$9,000,000

The weekly statement of City Treasurer William McCoach shows that the receipts amounted to \$257,169,16 and the payments to \$490,994.40, which, with the sum on hand last week, not including the sinking fund account, left a balance on band of \$8.922.783,47 rt the close of business last night.

#### PROPOSALS FOR GRADING 30 STREETS

Proposals for grading 30 streets located in outlying sections of the city

were received today by Assistant Director Baldwin, of the Department of Public Works. The various operations will involve an expenditure of about \$75,000 and the money will come from loan items, RICHMOND TO GO ON LECTURE PLATFORM

#### The Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, suspended from the rectorship of St. John's Episcopal Church for one year by Bishop Rhinelander, is through fighting

in the civil courts and will go on the lecture platform. The church will be left in charge of the "curbstone" vestry on March 5, when his appeal to the Supreme Court will be withdrawn, he announced today,

#### 31 ZEPPELINS REPORTED LOST IN WAR

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 24.—Thirty-one Zeppelins have been destroyed since the beginning of the war, according to information reaching here today. The Germans have been building new dirigibles as rapidly as possible and are understood to have about 60 in action on different fronts.

#### HALF-MILLION TURKS LOST IN WAR, ITALY HEARS

TURIN, Feb. 24.—On what is declared reliable information, the Secolo esti-500,600 killed, wounded and missing.

#### DR. THOMPSON "LATE" FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS.

Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson, 70 years old, principal of the Central High School, at Broad and Green streets, was late today in arriving at the school for the first time in 20 years. He remained at his home in Haverford during the morning to rest his back, which he twisted while asleep last night. For Mrs. Theodore Justice, descendant of years Doctor Thompson has been arriving at the Central High School often me of the oldest families of Pennsylvania before the teachers made their appearance. His absence at the morning session was noticed by the teachers and pupils.

#### PRESIDENT'S NAME GOES ON GEORGIA BALLOT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-President Wilson today was notified that he must file with the Secretary of State of Georgia on or before March 20 a statement permitting Democratic candidates for delegate to the Democratic National Convention use his name as their choice for the presidential nomination. The President will send a letter permitting the use of his name.

#### PRESIDENT REINSTATES WOMEN POSTOFFICE CLERKS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. President Wilson today, by executive order, reinstated five young women clerks in the San Francisco postoffice discharged by former Postmaster Fiske. The five were discharged by Fiske on the ground that they had been reading magazines that went through their hands as mail. The case had been hanging fire for two years.

#### PURE OIL DECLARES 50% EXTRA DIVIDEND

The Pure Oil Company has declared a dividend of 6 per cent, and an extra dividend of 50 per cent, on the common stock. The 50 per cent, dividend in equal to \$2,767,622, and the 6 per cent. \$272,114. The par value of the stock is \$5, so that the distribution will be \$2.80 per share. The company passed the dividend on the common stock June 1, 1914. The present dividends are payable March 15 to stockholders of record March S. Books close February 10 to March I for the regular dividend, and for the extra dividend close March 8 to March 15.

#### ANOTHER ARMED ITALIAN LINER AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. - Another Italian steamship, the San Guglielmo, arrived last night from Genoa and Naples with two 3-inch guns mounted on her afterdeck. She is the fifth armed Italian liner to arrive here recently. Each gun was manned by two gunners of the Italian navy, and one of the vessel's officers said they were provided with 200 rounds of ammunition. The captain reported no submarines had been sighted during the voyage. The San Guglielma carried 117 second cabin and 399 steerage passengers.

#### GERMANY BUYS WHEAT SECRETLY IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Feb. 24.—German agents have received instructions to purchase clandestinely, no matter at what price, all available cereals so as to prevent the execution of the English contract. The Rumanian Government has decided to declare all cereals sold without the authorization of the official Rumanian commission liable to requisition.

#### BRITISH MINISTERS TO TAKE BONDS FOR SALARY

LONDON, Feb. 24. - In response to strong agitation by the newspapers urging the Ministers to set the country an example of economy, preferably by accepting reductions in their salaries, it is announced that the Ministers have agreed for the future to accept one-quarter of their salaries in the form of \$1. per cent, exchequer bonds. It is considered extremely probable that the whole hody of the civil servants will be invited to accept a portion of their salinges in a similar form of exchequer or war loan bonds.

#### FRENCH COMMAND ALLIES' FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, Feb. 24 - Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admirally announced in the House of Commons that the general command of the silled forces in the Mediterranean had been given to the French communder-in-chies in the Adriatic and its approaches to the Italian commander-in-chief the Dalaof the Abrumi, and the local commands to British officers,

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# GERMAN RAIDER SCUTTLES PRIZE IN DASH TO SEA

In reply to this query, the President may, officials say, ask that Germany make brompt reply to the original question. This Sink Rather Than Insally sould be done as the control of the c tern Westburn

13 SHIPS THEIR BOOTY

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. A German commerce raider is cruising off the coast of the United States, according to a wireless message picked up by the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi, which arrived from Genoa today.

Captain Maggi said he received the wireless warning from a Canadian station two days ago while approach-

ing New York. The Verdi arrived carrying two 3inch guns and will sail with them despite the Austrian threat to sink armed merchantmen without warning after March L.

LONDON, Feb. 24. German commerce raiders, who yesterday ran the captured British steamship Westburn into the port of Santa Cruz. Canary Islands, dashed out to sea early oday and scuttled the vessel, according to Lloyd dispatches from Santa Cruz. It is assumed that the 206 passengers frightened resident. Continued an Page Two. Column Two taken from other vessels reported sunk by the Moowe were put ashere by the Germans and will be permitted to make

their way to England.

The German officer in command of the Weathin was informed by the Spanish authorities in the Canary Islands that the ship would have to leave or be interned. He immediately ordered steam up and took the vessel outside the Spanish waters and had his prize sink. The German crew returned to port in small hoats and will be interned until the end of the war.

When the Westburn put into Santa Cruz ber German commander requested the Spanish authorities to grant him time to make increasery repairs. After an imprection the Spanish authorities decided no repairs were becoming and ordered the Westburn to leave in 21 hours. Thise hours later the years left the asrior. their way to England.

## BY FOX APPEALS Recalcitrant Witness Out of Jail Pending Habeas Corpus Hearing

New Yorker's

his commitment yesterday for refusal to testify before the Federal Grand Jury in its investigation of brewers' alleged ex-penditures in political campaigns. Release was granted by Judge W. H. Thomson, of the United States District

FOX IN TICKLISH POSITION. Attorneys who are watching the case declare Fox is in a difficult position. He has been committed to jail for failure to

Judge Thomson this morning issued a writ of attachment for Charles F. Ettla

They are Edward A. Schmidt, former president of the United States Browers' Association, president of the Northwestern actional Bank, of fine city, and pesident of the C. Schmidt & Son Brewing Company, of this city, and John Gardiner, president of the Pennsylvania Browers' Association. Another brewer threatened with a sail ferm in compection with the

ment believes is the national depository for the brewers' so-called "national slush fund," the presentment sets out as follows: That Schmidt, as treasurer of the

"That while admitting he was treas-urer of the association, and had been for several years past, he failed to produce data called for in the subpoens, particularly canceled checks, check hooks, books containing check stubs,

refused to answer.

# were evidently frightened away by a late communicant who visited the chapel. The articles stolen were four golden

ticles.
The robbery was discovered by Leahy

# Tabor road, Olney, is in a serious condition at the Jewish Hospital from injuries which is directly behind the changel altar, sustained when he fell to the ground. He is Frederick Schaeffer, 28 years old, 2149 the church, bitterly denounced the men who committed the robbery.

#### COP GINGERLY CARRIES DYNAMITE ABOUT CITY LOOKING FOR OWNER

Man Found With Stick of Dangerous Explosive at Arm's Length Transfers His Burden to Police, Who Want to Get Rid of It

Somewhere in West Philadelphia a policeman is roaming with a stick of dynamite in his hand. Until he finds the owner the residents of Haddington and the police of the flat and Thompson streets station will not sleep in peace.

"What are root carrying it are asked howland." "I'm afraid to lay it down, man.

"What did you pick it up The explosive rested in a comfortable bed in the police station last night, and the room in which it lay was constantly guarded by two cops. Not the slightest par or noise was allowed in the place, and two 'drunks' who were affected with sneezing spells today were sent out in the yard during the hearings, so that the concussion would not affect the dynamite.

It was through continuous telephone calls that the police heard the explosive was in the neighborhood.

"There's a man roaming wild with a lick of dynamits in his hand," said one.

"An angrehist has broken loose near

other.

"There's a guy running loose with synamite who's going to blow us up," was another compisint.

Sargeant Abrama sent Mounted Policemen Mediready and Rowland to capture the dynamiter, and they galloped all over the helghborhood. Pinally, they discovered a man near still and Callowhill streets walking in the street with a stick of real dynamite in his hand. He held it far from his body and looked pusic-strinken. A paper, wramped around the capissive, aunounced that it was accountly dynamite.

"I don't know; I just couldn't help it," said he of the dynamic stick.

"Can the wagon," said the stranger "The jar may of this thing off."

The cops agreed with him, and they alked the prisoner between their horses

gineered it on Abrams again.

The dynamite was then placed in a bed in one of Sergeant Measurins rooms, and two stout cops were elected to guard it. By way of further precautions, a sign labeled "dynamite" was faciled on the bed.

"What are you carrying it around for" asked Howland. "I'm afraid to lay it down," said the

"What did you pick it up for?" de-manded McCready. The stranger promised that he wouldn't drop it on the sidewalk if he was ar-rested, so, therefore, he was captured. Mc-Cready was going to send for the wagon:

walked the primerer between their horaes to the police station.

Medicady took the dynamite gingerly from the prisoner, who said he was James Dowes, of first atreet and Hazel avenue, and gave it to Sergeant Smiley. Smiley passed it to Sergeant Abrama, who managed to slip it to sergeant McMullen. He finally wished it on Lieutenant Ewing, and in applaining matters generally the fleutenant engineered it on Abrama again.

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